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SPOTLIGHT

ON THE COVER: **Master Chief Musician Jonathan Towne** and the U.S. Coast Guard Band in front of Hamilton Hall on the grounds of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. MUCM Towne is also the Rating Force Master Chief for the musician rate for the Coast Guard, serves as the Band's Drum Major, and has performed as a clarinetist with the Band since joining in 1988.

Musicians 1st Class **Tom Brown** and **Chris Lane** will be the featured soloists in the Band's 2015-2016 Season Opener on October 11, 2015 playing Jess Turner's *Reanimations*. In the words of the composer, "*Reanimations* is both an imagined epilogue to Stravinsky's great ballet, *Petroushka*, and a trumpet player's fever dream on the eve of a big audition." We sat down with them to chat about their backgrounds and their creative answers give us glimpse of their personalities and the inner-workings of a trumpet player's brain.

When did you begin to sing/play? Did you start with an instrument?

CL: I started playing trumpet at age 11 after studying piano as a kid.

TB: I started playing cornet in 6th grade. Trumpet came about in the 9th grade because it was louder.

Was there someone who encouraged your musical abilities?

CL: My parents made sure I had recordings, instruments, and music while I was learning. I had very supportive parents.

TB: The Kingsmen, The Dukes of Dixieland, Adolph Herseth, Wynton Marsalis, Weird Al Yankovic, Ray Charles, Louis Armstrong, and Fats Domino.

Do you come from a musical family?

CL: Both my mother and father studied music in college. My father went on to have a successful conducting career and was paramount in my progression with the trumpet.

TB: Mom plays the flute, dad the trombone, and sister claps along OK.



Where did you grow up?

CL: I am from Winter Park, FL (just outside Orlando)

TB: Sparta, MI, between Canada and Wisconsin.

What did you do prior to joining the USCG Band?

CL: Prior to joining the Band I was studying trumpet with Dr. Christopher Moore at Florida State University.

TB: I was broke in North Chicago, trying to make ends meet by teaching lessons, playing in a small orchestra, and selling my hair to wigmakers. OK, that's not entirely true - the orchestra wasn't THAT small.

When you aren't working, what are you up to?

CL: Outside of music I enjoy working on getting my golf handicap as low as possible, playing Ultimate Frisbee and judging/critiquing all ice cream establishments within a sixty mile radius.

TB: Making sand castles, finger painting, going down slides repeatedly, and pushing a lawn mower that blows bubbles. Oh, I almost forgot to mention that I keep pretty busy raising my one-year-old Sam, who's about the size of a large Corgi on hind legs.



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AWARDS

Congratulations to **Master Chief Musician Marjorie Sturm** who retired from the Coast Guard on July 1, 2015 after over thirty years of committed service. She received the Meritorious Service Medal for exceptional dedication and devotion to duty as the Band’s enlisted leader during her retirement ceremony held on April 10, 2015 at the Academy’s Alumni Center.

In May 2015, **Chief Musician Christopher Howard** was presented the Coast Guard Achievement Medal for superior performance of duty as a member of the Band’s supply office, as a volunteer with the Plainfield High School music department, and as solo clarinetist.

Musician 1st Class Greg Case received the Coast Guard Achievement Medal in March 2015 for superior performance of duty initiating and organizing tours for the United States Coast Guard Saxophone Quartet and for his consummate professionalism as saxophone soloist.

In May 2015, clarinetist **Chief Musician Chantal Hovendick** was awarded the Commandant’s Letter of Commendation for her artistry as a chamber musician in numerous ensembles in the Coast Guard Band.

Musician 1st Class Cedric Mayfield was presented the Commandant’s Letter of Commendation in June 2015 for his devoted service and impeccable artistry in numerous ensembles across the classical-jazz spectrum.

Congratulations to percussionist **Musician 1st Class Steven Petersen** who earned the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for generously devoting over 880 hours to the band program at Plainfield High School.

In July 2015, **Musician 1st Class Sean Nelson** was presented the Finley R. Hamilton Outstanding Military Musician Award for his musical excellence as trombonist; member of the Dixieland Jazz Band; staff arranger; composer; and founder, organizer, director, and concert host of the Guardians Big Band.

CONCERT BAND SCHEDULE

LABOR DAY CONCERT at FORT TRUMBULL
Sunday, September 6, 2015, 3pm - Ft. Trumbull, New London, CT
Bring a lawn chair or blanket and celebrate Labor Day weekend as the Coast Guard Band performs a patriotic concert including Tchaikovsky’s 1812 Overture with canons from Artillery Company of Newport (RI).

LEAMY HALL 2015-2016 SEASON OPENER
Sunday, October 11, 2015, 2pm - Leamy Concert Hall, New London, CT
LCDR Adam Williamson kicks off his third season as director in a concert with favorites such as *The Blue Danube Waltz* and the *Overture to Die Fledermaus* by Johann Strauss and two works by Richard Strauss, *Festival Procession of the Knights of the Order of St. John* and *Wiener Philharmoniker Fanfare*. Musicians 1st Class Tom Brown and Chris Lane are also showcased in Jess Turner’s dazzling trumpet duet *Reanimations*.

SPECIAL FAMILY CONCERT: MUSIC 360
Saturday, November 7, 2015, 10am - Leamy Concert Hall, New London, CT
In an extension of our School Concert Series, Mr. Wyman leads the band in “Music 360”, a concert that surrounds the audience (literally and figuratively) with great music inspired by things that “surround” our daily lives, such as firecrackers, insects, parades, and nuclear reactors. This educational and entertaining program offers the special opportunity for families and their children to enjoy and learn together!

THE COAST GUARD BAND TAKES FLIGHT!
Sunday, November 22, 2015, 2pm - Leamy Concert Hall, New London, CT
In a concert of musical collaboration, the Coast Guard Band welcomes Colonel Larry Lang, Commander and Conductor of the United States Air Force Band to the podium.

CONCERT BAND (continued)

HOLIDAYS WITH FAMILY
Sunday, December 13, 2015, 2pm - Leamy Concert Hall, New London, CT
Mr. Wyman leads the band in a family friendly matinee full of holiday music including a delightful performance by the puppetry artists of the Flock Theater.

VIENNA NEW YEAR
Sunday, December 13, 2015, 7pm - Leamy Concert Hall, New London, CT
LCDR Williamson leads the band in a concert featuring works by Strauss, Handel, and von Suppé interspersed with holiday songs sung by USCG Band vocalist, Musician 1st Class Megan Weikleenget.

CHAMBER ENSEMBLES

GUARDIANS BIG BAND
Sunday, September 20, 2015, 2pm - Leamy Concert Hall, New London, CT
The Guardians Big Band puts on a swinging program in Leamy Concert Hall. Members of the Coast Guard Band perform works from classic to contemporary under the astute direction of Musician 1st Class Sean Nelson.

LEAMY HALL RECITAL SERIES
Sunday, October 4, 2015, 2pm - Leamy Concert Hall, New London, CT
Members of the USCG Band are featured in smaller chamber works.

U.S. COAST GUARD BAND CHAMBER PLAYERS

WATER MUSIC
Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 1pm
Veronica Hagman Concert Hall, Western Connecticut State University
USCG Band Chamber Players give a special performance featuring works of Malcolm Arnold, Gustav Mahler, Dana Wilson, and George Frederic Handel.


WATER MUSIC
Friday, September 25, 2015, 8pm
Bezanson Recital Hall, University of Massachusetts
Guest conductor Dr. Matthew Westgate joins the Chamber Players for a second presentation of *Water Music*.

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